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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

The 20th August, 2010.

No. POL.2/2007/Pt X/26—Whereas the Government of Meghalaya *vide* No.POL.2/2007/Pt-II/63, dated 23rd July, 2009 has appointed a Commission of Inquiry headed by Justice D. Biswas, Retd Judge of the Guwahati High Court into for the purpose of making an enquiry into the escape of 7 (seven) UTPs from Shillong District Jail on 31st May, 2009 on the following terms of reference: -

1. To determine the events and circumstances leading to the escape of seven Under Trial Prisoners from Shillong District Jail on 31st May, 2009 and to fix responsibility accordingly.
2. To determine the circumstances and events leading to the death of Shri. Fullmoon Dhar.
3. To determine the circumstance/events and causes leading to the arrest and subsequent discharge of Shri. Thomas Nongtdu.
4. To determine the existence of any nexus between politicians and criminals in the events leading to the above jailbreak on 31st May, 2009 and the events following thereafter.
5. To inquire into any other matter incidental thereto.

Whereas on 6th April, 2010, Justice D. Biswas tendered his resignation for being sworn in as Upalokayukut, Government of Assam, before the final report could be submitted.

Whereas the Government of Meghalaya is of the opinion that the Commission of Inquiry be reconstituted to find out the facts of the matter with the terms of reference as stated above being a public importance.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, the Government of Meghalaya hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry headed by Justice S.P. Rajkhowa, Retired Judge of the Guwahati High Court to conduct the enquiry as stated above.

The Commission shall complete the inquiry and submit its report within three months from the date of this notification.

Having regard to the nature of the enquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, the Government of Meghalaya also directs that the provisions of sub-sections (2),(3),(4) and(5) of Section 5 of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, shall apply to the said Commission of Inquiry.

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